

Welcome to the last "AR". As I mentioned last ish I will be starting to do this column in Chairshots. I hope all of you join me there for my debut in July.

I attended a WWF show in Orlando tonight (6/6). Here are the results:
 1) Tito Santana hit the flying jalapeno to beat Brooklyn Brawler in 10:01.
 -** 2) Razor Ramon over Kamala in 5:32. Fans were chanting 1.2.3. at Ramon. After a Kamala splash he did the bit where he lays on Razor's back. Ref Dave Hebner was hilarious in showing the Ugandan what he was supposed to do as he layed on his back. Doink then came out and distracted Kamala and Razor rolled him up. $\frac{1}{2}$ * for comedy. 3) Undertaker beat Giant Gonzales via DQ in 4:16. Taker had Harvey Whippleman by the throat but the giant head-butted Paul Bearer and hit Taker with the urn for the DQ. After the bout, Bearer handed Taker a rag with chloroform (or water) and he tried to smother Gonzales but Whippleman distracted them so the giant got away. Pitiful. -*
 4) How's this for a tag team? Rick Steiner and Bob Backlund defeated the Headshrinkers in 13:56. Backlund subbed for Scott as Steiner is out with a bum ankle. Pretty funny as Rick kept telling Bob to calm down as Bob was doing his shuffling routine. Finish saw Shrinkers throw Steiner into the ropes for a double backdrop but Rick sunset flipped Samu and Backlund dropkicked Fatu so Rick pinned Samu. *** 5) Crush beat Doink with a slowmotioned tilt a whirl backbreaker. Fans are into Doink but not this feud. Time was 11:52. Dud 6) Bushwhackers & Tiger Jackson over Blake Beverly, Damian Demento, & Little Louie in 15:05. The Whackers threw Jackson on top of Louie for the win. Highlight of this lowlight bout was Tiger Jackson. Hilarious. * for comedy. Too bad this wasn't a comedy club. 7) Lex Luger hit Bret Hart with the "steel plated elbow" at 19:36. Luger sucks. Was much better in WCW. Ref took a bump and Lex took off his protector pad and hit Bret for the win. I kept waiting for Ramon to run out as they've been running that everywhere. But what is the formula for winning a title in Titan? Doing jobs a few months before getting one. Looks like Bret is a lock. ** NOTES: Crowd was approx 3,300. No return date announced....Backlund was seen doing the step drill near one of the exit doors.

A few comments from this weekend's WCW Saturday Night show: How can the Assassin see out of those eyes of his. Never knew Jody Hamilton was oriental.....The brass at WCW shows that they can come up with a good storyline when they put their 100 collective minds to it. The build up for Pillman & Austin vs. Flair & Arn has been nothing short of sensational. Pillman was a hoot playing an old Ric Flair. Too bad the program looks like it'll end at the Clash. That match by the way is now 2 out of three falls and for the title.....I want to say I loved the Cactus Jack hospital segment but is that politically correct? Who cares. I thought it was funny as hell. Although part of me felt guilty for liking it as they made fun of insane asylums...

Vinnie Vegas has walked out on WCW and rumors have it that he'll be in the WWF soon as Shawn Michaels bodyguard.....British Bulldog sang "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" at Tiger Stadium on 6/5 before the Tigers game. That night he beat Van Vader via DQ at Cobo Hall in the main event. A couple of Motor City Wrestling wrestlers worked the card as Micky Doyle beat Kangaroo Al Snow, Erik Watts downed Kangaroo Cass, Maxx Payne and Kensuke Sasaki went to a draw, Ron Simmons beat Paul Orndorff, Dustin Rhodes bulldogged Rick Rude but then got bloodied to a pulp, Arn Anderson & Marcus Bagwell over Steve Austin & Steve Regal, when Arn spinebusted Regal.....Bret Hart vs. Bob Backlund the main event at MSG on 6/16? I was a big fan of Bob's back in his heyday but this bout will probably bore to tears.....This "King of the Ring" card on paper looks to be the worst PPV in history. Only bout I'm looking forward to is Steiners & Smoking Gunns vs. Money, Inc. & Shrinkers.....Jesse may be out until the 6/17 Clash.....WCW will now be only taping at MGM Studios on 7/6 - 7/9.....Mike Shaw has just dethroned Jack Victory for the most aliases. His newest one is the most bizarre yet: Bastian Booger.....With Too Cold Scorpio in Japan for the New Japan lightweight tourney, Marcus Bagwell has been teaming mostly with JYD.....Paul Roma already gone from WCW as a Horseman. Great but he never should have been there in the first place. To most fans it just looks like another person WCW just dropped without an explanation.....Rumors persist that Doink will beat Marty Jannetty tomorrow night (6/7) on Raw for the I-C title and then lose it to Crush at "King of the Ring". We'll know if the first part is true by the time you read this..... 6/5 in Winter Garden, FL saw Buggy McGraw and Kevin Sullivan go to a DDQ and typical in Sully bouts, they destroyed the place. One bout undernaeath saw Hercules over Kendall Windham via DQ.....Hey Bowdren, how about those Knicks? Up 2-0 and then choke, gasp, cough, see ya. Too bad as this was their last chance in awhile as next year they'll get beat out by Shaq, Webber, and company....That's it for now. I'll see you next month in Chairshots.

See ya,

Ron

And now a personal word-

Recent reports have surfaced that a Ron Lemieux of Lake Mary FL has had a few disparaging remarks concerning the wrestling skill of "Wild Thang" Alan Hardimon published in his desktop published little Newsletter.

Now, as a media officer myself, I find it difficult to understand how a man who I have never seen at any of our matches, and who is not a wrestler himself, can pass such a judgement. He makes the claim that Mr. Hardimon was so poor a ring technician that the only way he could ever hope to be a professional wrestler would be if, "Ric Flair was to carry him for the whole match."

Now this is a pretty easy challenge to make, considering that Mr. Flair probably has no idea who Ron Lemieux is, and so would feel no obligation to uphold such a commitment. But, I venture to say that Mr. Flair has made and trained more champions than Mr. Lemieux will ever meet; and that, despite a certain degree of media hype, he would get into the ring with any man who has the courage to face him and would demonstrate the respect that all professional athletes share.

We put on the finest shows in the state of Florida. All of our people are veterans or students of some of the greatest names in the sport of professional wrestling. And we invite anyone, except Ron Lemieux, who has already made up his mind, to attend our matches and see for themselves the caliber of talent in our organization.

As for Mr. Lemieux, I'm sure the Wild Thang would be happy to meet him in the ring for a wrestling lesson. Then, and only then, will we find out who knows what about wrestling and who is just popping off at the mouth.

Chris Hunter
FWF Publicity

First of all I have to say that Mr. Hunter doesn't know what I look like since I was at their last show. I have also seen Mr. Hardiman at least 10 times so I feel I have enough to base my OPINION on. And opinion is what it is. I have never said I was an expert wrestling analyst. If you don't like my opinions Mr. Hunter, don't send me envelopes or ask whoever your source is about what's in Arena Ramblings. Second, I actually said that even Ric Flair couldn't carry Al to a good match which is the opposite of what you wrote. That next paragraph of yours is so bizarre I don't get it. What does it have to do with anything?

I never said your whole organization was terrible. As a matter of fact, you have some very good workers in it including Ned Brady, Randy Rhodes (from Dynamite Express) and a few others.

As for me meeting Al Hardiman in the ring, let's be real pal. The guy is a karate expert and would make me look like a pile of mashed potatoes. But the difference in being a legit karate expert and being able to "work" a pro wrestling match is a big difference.

In closing let me say that just because a person is a friend or good human being, it doesn't make him the best everything. In other words, use some objectivity when looking at wrestling talent. And since it seems you don't Mr. Hunter, you probably think the Crypt Keeper has nothing but ***** matches. Good day bud!!!

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Take care,
Ron

Late News: Jerry Lawler debated his interview segment King's Court in Portland, ME at TV on 5/5. He did segments with Luna, Lex Luger and Australian athlete Colin Scott. They got into a shoving match. It went into the ring and Scott took Lawler. Lawler also lost his USWA title last week in Memphis in a match. Hushes won a King of Ring qualifier so his in PAU